

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2891

To establish a servitude and emancipation archival research clearinghouse  
in the National Archives.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2005

Mr. CUMMINGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Government Reform

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## A BILL

To establish a servitude and emancipation archival research  
clearinghouse in the National Archives.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Servitude and Emanci-  
5       pation Archival Research ClearingHouse Act of 2005” or  
6       the “SEARCH Act of 2005”.

7       **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Archivist of the United  
9       States shall establish, as a part of the National Archives,  
10      a national database consisting of historic records of ser-

1   vitude and emancipation in the United States to assist Af-  
2   rican Americans in researching their genealogy.

3       (b) MAINTENANCE.—The database established by  
4   this Act shall be maintained by the National Historical  
5   Publications and Records Commission.

6   **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7       There are authorized to be appropriated—

8           (1) \$5,000,000 to establish the national data-  
9       base authorized by this Act; and

10          (2) \$5,000,000 to provide grants to States and  
11       colleges and universities to preserve local records of  
12       servitude and emancipation.

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